

Americas Regional Conference on the Right of Access to Information

Lima, Peru
April 28-30, 2009

Tuesday April 28

Plenary Sessions –J.W. Marriott Hotel

- 2:00 pm Opening Session
Prime Minister Yehude Simon
Carlos Felipe Jaramillo, Country Director for Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, and
Venezuela, World Bank
Santiago Canton, Executive Secretary, American Commission of Human
Rights, Organization of American States
Laura Neuman, Associate Director of the Americas Program and Access to
Information Project Manager, The Carter Center
- 3:00 pm Panel 1: Is Transparency Delivering?
Minister Jorge Hage, Controller-General, Brazil
Marta Oyanharte, Undersecretary of Institutional Relations, Argentina
Carlos Monge, Latin American Regional Coordinator, Revenue Watch Institute
Chair: Shekhar Singh, Founder, National Campaign People's Right to Information,
India
Respondent: Bernardo Gonzalez-Arechiga, Director, School of Public
Administration, Monterrey, Mexico
- 4:30 pm Break

In collaboration with

- 4:45 pm Panel 2: Is Transparency a Luxury in the Face of Security Threats, Climate Change, and the Global Economic Crisis?
Juan Pablo Guerrero, Information Commissioner, Mexico
Joseph Foti, Associate, World Resource Institute, USA
Sean Moulton, Director, Federal Information Policy, OMB Watch, USA
Chair: Richard Calland, Manager Economic Governance, IDASA, South Africa
Respondent: Tom Susman, Director, Government Affairs Office, ABA, USA
- 6:15 pm Panel 3: Select Country Cases
Mignone Vega, Former Director of Strategic Communications and Governability, Presidency, Nicaragua
Juan Pablo Olmedo, President, Information Commission, Chile
Beatriz Merino, National Ombudswoman, Peru
Suzanne Legault, Assistant Information Commissioner, Canada
Chair: Jaime Aparicio, President, Inter-American Juridical Committee, OAS
- 7:30 pm Cocktail Reception

Wednesday April 29

5:30 pm Free time

7:00 pm Transport to Dinner: Restaurant Huaca Pucllana
Group Photo

Thursday April 30

Participants on own for breakfast

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8:30 am Report Backs from Working Groups

9:45 am Review Draft Findings and Action Plan

10:15 am Remarks and Plenary Discussion of Draft Regional Findings and Action Plan
Chair: Former President Jimmy Carter

12:00 am Coffee Break and Convene as Country-level Groups

1:30 pm Luncheon

3:00 pm Continue Discussion and Consider Next Steps for Implementing Regional
Action Plan
Chair: Diego Garcia-Sayan, Justice and Vice-President, Inter-American Court
of Human Rights
Comments: Catalina Botero, Special Rapporteur, Inter-American Human
Rights Commission, Organization of American States

4:30 pm Conclusions and Closing Remarks

5:00 pm Cocktail Reception